



## KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### BOARD NOTES

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#### ***STATE BOARD SUPPORTS PUBLISHING OF ADMINISTRATION GUIDELINES FOR WRITING INSTRUCTION***

As one way to improve instructional practices in writing and reduce inappropriate practices, the Kentucky Board of Education agreed at the December meeting that the “Administration Guidelines for Writing Instruction” could have the word “Draft” removed and that the document could be officially released to schools following a few final edits, one of which is to clarify the amount of time spent on writing portfolios. The Board also asked that Department staff add a “Question and Answer” document, clarifying what is appropriate versus what is not appropriate relative to the writing assessment, as an accompanying piece to the Administration Guidelines.

As part of the professional development opportunities on appropriate writing practices, Department staff showed excerpts from a newly produced video program titled “Writing Portfolio Update: Administration Guidelines for Writing Instruction.” The Board learned that a schedule for taping this program off of KET 3 (aired November 28 through December 15) was sent to schools and districts in order that it could be used as a training piece this fall.

For more information on the “Administration Guidelines for Writing Instruction”, contact Starr Lewis at (502) 564-9850 or via email at [Starr.Lewis@education.ky.gov](mailto:Starr.Lewis@education.ky.gov) or Cherry Boyles at (502) 564-2106 or via email at [Cherry.Boyles@education.ky.gov](mailto:Cherry.Boyles@education.ky.gov).



## ***BOARD SUPPORTS APPROACH TO INTERVENE IN LOW-PERFORMING SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS AND THOSE WITH SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT GAPS***

The Kentucky Board of Education indicated its support of the Kentucky Department of Education's approach to create more direct intervention and support for low-performing schools and districts and those with significant achievement gaps. The goal is to have systemic improvement plans implemented with school, district, local board and Department personnel collaborating intensively for improved student performance.

The interventions will become effective in fall 2006. A voluntary, targeted assistance team approach was recommended by the Department. The team would be made up of the local superintendent, an assigned superintendent mentor from the Kentucky Association of School Superintendents, a representative of the Kentucky School Boards Association, a Highly Skilled Educator, and a Kentucky Department of Education administrator. The team would be charged with developing and implementing a district/school improvement plan tailored to the district's and school's specific needs.

The districts that will be targeted for this intervention are moving toward Tiers 3, 4 or 5 under *No Child Left Behind* and would be facing these consequences:

- Deferring programmatic funds or reducing administrative funds
- Replacing district personnel relevant to the failure

The voluntary assistance program would be part of the first consequence cited above in that the Department would hold programmatic funds until a district plan was collaboratively developed and approved, at which time funds would be released for implementation of the plan.

If districts do not agree to participate in the voluntary program, they would be subject to more direct intervention per KRS 158.785.

For more information on this voluntary intervention approach, contact Steve Schenck at (502) 564-2116 or via email at [Stephen.Schenck@education.ky.gov](mailto:Stephen.Schenck@education.ky.gov) or Johnnie Grissom at (502) 564-4970 or via email at [Johnnie.Grissom@education.ky.gov](mailto:Johnnie.Grissom@education.ky.gov).

## ***REGULATIONS ON REFOCUSING SECONDARY EDUCATION TO COME BACK FOR FINAL ACTION IN FEBRUARY***

After in-depth discussions on 704 KAR 3:305, Minimum Requirements for High School Graduation, and 704 KAR 3:340, Commonwealth Diploma Program, the Kentucky Board of Education chose to postpone final action until the February 1-2 meeting. Additionally, issues within these regulations will be the focus of the Board's January 4, 2006, meeting.

Issues to be discussed further on January 4 relative to minimum high school graduation requirements include whether to include an opt-out option relative to the cited requirements, how to approach competency in world languages and ensuring the rigor of

courses. Relative to the Commonwealth Diploma, issues to consider include whether to require a certain score on the Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) exams and whether a minimum score of 26 on the ACT is set at the correct level.

For more information on these regulations, contact Starr Lewis at (502) 564-9850 or via email at [Starr.Lewis@education.ky.gov](mailto:Starr.Lewis@education.ky.gov).

***OTHER ITEMS ON WHICH ACTION WAS TAKEN AT THE DECEMBER 7-8, 2005, MEETING WERE:***

- Minutes from the October 5-6, 2005, regular meeting
- 2005-2006 Local District Tax Rates Levied
- District facility plans for Clinton and Montgomery Counties and Jenkins Independent
- District facility plan amendments for Campbell, Gallatin and Green Counties
- School Facilities Construction – Facility Unmet Needs Report
- 2005-06 Local District Working Budgets
- John T. Arnett Elementary request for SBDM exemption
- 704 KAR 3:480, Reading diagnostic and intervention grants (Final)
- Letter to the KHSAA from Chair Travis sending Proposals 3 and 20 back to the association to seek a compromise that will come back to the Kentucky Board of Education in February
- Travel of Bonnie Lash Freeman and David Webb to a NASBE study group and committee
- Change to the nutrition regulation to amend the volume size not to exceed 20 ounces for middle and high schools, request for Chair Travis and Commissioner Wilhoit to meet with legislative leadership on the role of the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee and the sending of a letter to middle and high school principals, once the regulation becomes law, urging them to control beverage size in their buildings
- Letter to Robert Chenoweth from Chair Travis indicating the Board cannot proceed with a nonresident student appeal due to a pending court case on this matter related to Jackson Independent and Breathitt County

***OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED AT THE DECEMBER MEETING WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:***

- KDE Employment Report
- Annual report from KET on joint KET/KDE work
- 702 KAR 7:125, Pupil attendance
- Revised district audit process
- Differentiated Compensation Pilot Final Report
- 702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to Manage High School Interscholastic Athletics
- Annual Reporting Requirements of 702 KAR 7:065 from KHSAA

- KHSAA Title IX update and report on the current status of prime time playing opportunities for girls' basketball and brief update on Phase 2 of the 2005-2006 KHSAA Audit Visit Schedule
- Recommended actions needed to improve conditions in and performance of A5 and A6 programs

### ***KBE MEETING DATES 2006***

<b><u>2006</u></b>	<b><u>Type of Meeting</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
January 4, 2006	Regular meeting	Frankfort
February 1-2, 2006	Regular meeting	Frankfort
March 8, 2006	Regular meeting	Frankfort
April 11-12, 2006	Regular meeting	Lexington
May 10-11, 2006	KBE retreat and strategic plan discussion	Natural Bridge State Park, Slade, KY
June 13-14, 2006	Regular meeting	Frankfort
July 5, 2006	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 2-3, 2006	Regular meeting and commissioner's evaluation	Frankfort
September 6, 2006	Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 4-5, 2006	Regular meeting	Frankfort
November 1, 2006	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 6-7, 2006	Regular meeting	Frankfort

\*TBD – To be determined

### **PROPOSED KBE MEETING DATES 2007**

<b><u>2007</u></b>	<b><u>Type of Meeting</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
January 10, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort
February 7-8, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort
March 7, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort
April 4-5, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort
May 9-10, 2007	KBE retreat and strategic plan discussion	*TBD
June 13-14, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort
July 11, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 8-9, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort
September 5, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 3-4, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort
November 14, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 6-7, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort

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*The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the December 7-8, 2005, regular meeting conducted in the State Board Room, Capital Plaza Tower, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

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